

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
March 7, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Riverview Elementary School - Music Room

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:30 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

Council members present: Kathleen Gessaman, Aron Krischel, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the February 1, 2024 Meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Minutes from the February 15, Special Meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the February 15, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** -There were no Calumet updates provided during this meeting.
- **Vision and Goal Setting** - Vision and goal setting will be held for a future meeting.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson provided the NC3 Facebook page update for the month of February. He said for the last 28 days our page reached 1,110 people with a post engagement of 384. There was one new post like for a total of 584 likes. There were three new post followers for a total of 709 followers. The most active post for the month was the photograph of Garri Mauch at her swearing-in ceremony on February 8. That post reached 630 people and had an engagement of 215. He said the January Facebook Live broadcast reached 50 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days there were 36 reports of crime in our district with 27 of those reports being generated near the retail and commercial areas of the Northwest Bypass or Smelter Avenue. He said there were 22 theft/larceny reports, no motor vehicle thefts, no drug/alcohol reports, two burglaries, one vandalism, two disturbing the peace reports, no fraud reports, eight assaults, and one DUI.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** - Kathleen Gessaman suggested holding a special meeting to focus our fundraising on the pavilion kits. She said our next step would be to fundraise for the concrete and labor. City of Great Falls Park Supervisor Kevin Vining said the city had done something similar with a pavilion intended to be placed in Kranz Park. Council members decided to hold the special meeting at 4:30 p.m. at March 21, 2024 at Corpus Christi Church, Room Number 5.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rezone of 1525 3rd Street N.W. from M-2 to C-2 for the purpose of establishing a casino** - City of Great Falls Planning and Community Development Deputy Director Lonnie Hill presented a request from Town Pump to develop a lounge and casino and off-site liquor sales. He said the request is scheduled to go in front of the Planning Board and Zoning Commission on April 9, 2024. The intent is to rezone the property to the zoning district located across the street, which is C-2 general commercial district. Joe Murphy of Big Sky Civil and Environmental, Inc., said Town Pump at this time intends to reuse the existing building. Aron Krischel made a motion to not approve the rezoning. Kathleen Gessaman seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-1. Eric Peterson made a motion to approve the city rezoning from M-2 to C-2. Kathleen Gessaman seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1.
- **NeighborWorks Great Falls presentation** - NWGF Executive Director Sherrie Arey updated the council on her organization's activities. She said the CommUnity Cleanup event will take place on May 3-4, 2024.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Kathleen Gessaman said a broadcasting tower in her neighborhood is blinking white lights. She was concerned that this indicated a problem with the lighting. Eric Peterson suggested calling a television station to talk with the chief engineer who may know who owns the tower.

ADJOURN

Aron Krischel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:20 p.m.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church Room Number 5.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.